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1. The German organization which administered coal mines in the Katowice, Poland area during World War II was called the Reichswerke Hermann Göring Hauptverwaltung. As far as the offices in Katowice were concerned, they only dealt with the mining of coal and did not manufacture machinery. However, the firm did possess machine building plants, but not in Katowice. 50X1-HUM

2. There were at least 10 to 12 coal mines within a radius of 15 to 25 kilometres of Katowice. one mine was located at Knurovo, approximately 25 kilometres from Katowice. the mine was to the west of Katowice. The coal in the area was not anthracite; was bituminous. It was used for trains; also, certain plants in the area converted the coal so that it could be used by automobiles. The Knurovo mine, in late 1944, was being expanded. It was a mechanized mine, with conveyors, elevators, and drawworks. 50X1-HUM 50X1-HUM 50X1-HUM 50X1-HUM 50X1-HUM

3. There was a small coal mine - called Oheim Grube - which was practically in Katowice. it was about two kilometres west of the city. This mine was also mechanized. 50X1-HUM

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